

Nonpublic School Advisory Council (NSAC) Meeting Minutes
NH Department of Education
Londergan Hall – Room 15 May 1, 2015

10:00 AM

Members Present: Bill Bennett, Lisa Braiterman, Janelle Cotnoir, Claire Doody, Judith Fillion, Rev. John Fortin, Lyn Kutzelman, Linda Johnson, Rick Johnson, Greg Magoon, Dave Parker, Karen Simmons

Members/Staff Absent: Kent Bicknell, Eileen Mullen (Angela Keef stood in for her)

Staff Present: Lisa Kaim, Jane Levesque

Guests Present: Ken Bergman, Mark Elgart, Mary Ann Keely

Meeting was called to order

Approval of Agenda- Rick Johnson stated that he was not present at the December meeting, so his name was removed from members present. Linda Johnson motioned to approve; Rick Johnson seconded; Approval unanimous

Approval of NPSAC Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2014 Rick Johnson was absentFR. Fortin motioned; Motion carried. Approval unanimous

AdvancED presentation and discussion (vote required) - Mark Elgart, President/CEO of AdvancED

Mark Elgart (recorded session), provided a summary of his career history; introduced his guests, Ken Bergman and Mary Ann Keely;
Gave presentation of AdvancED. He thought the Council may have a misinterpretation of systems model. He spoke about differences throughout country. AdvancED site visits are completed by volunteers onsite. Individual site visits would be done in New Hampshire according to state requirements. Private schools must be opened for at least 2 years before being accredited through AdvancED.

Spoke of relationship with New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and why they severed alliance with them. He stated that one member on the Nonpublic School Advisory Committee has a professional conflict. AdvancED will do individual site visits, systems model will not be available for the state of NH.

Several questions were asked and answered. Most concerned the process for visiting schools, criteria for volunteers, fees, and the requirement of ED405.01, and inability of NSAC to override a rule of the Board.

The three guests from AdvancED left after final remarks.

Discussion ensued and a motion was made by David Parker to not recommend approval of AdvancED based on administrative rule 405.1 C-2
Seconded by Rick Johnson

After discussion an amendment to the motion was made and a vote was taken.David Parker amended his motion based on ED 405.01c- 405.01-d, not to recommend AdvancED as an accrediting agency.

Moved: Judith Fillion and

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Seconded by Rick Johnson
The vote was unanimous.

Karen Simmons, new NSAC member was welcomed and introduced.

Student Transportation Bill Update: David Parker spoke on RSA 259:96-a law, regarding school bus regulations; strike out of school or school sponsored activity. Senate says it was a federal law. To and from school does require a school bus. It was a win for independent and public schools.

Council Membership Committee Recommendations - Openings for Advisory Board

Applicants –

Several applicants were discussed and a decision to hold an online election this summer was decided.

David Parker made a motion to renominate Linda Johnson and Kent Bicknell

Seconded by John Fortin

Eleven votes in favor with one abstention

Karen Simmons abstained... doesn't know the people.

David Parker made a motion to renominate Claire Doody, Lyn Kutzelman, and Gregg Magoon
Motion seconded.

Eleven votes in favor with one abstention

Appoint Home Education Advisory Council representative Rick Johnson and Dave Parker volunteered.

Set Next Meeting date—September 25, 2015

Other Business NHIAA---new head, to find out why our students are not allowed to play on certain teams. Lisa will invite him to the September meeting.

Agenda item for September: Best practices in accreditation, Rick Johnson to be put on the agenda.

Motion to adjourn was made by Claire Doody

Seconded by Rick Johnson

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm